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To whom it may concern,

The State of Colorado along with its local, federal, and tribal partners have developed and built the Colorado Digital Trunked Radio System (DTRS) to provide a statewide radio system for public safety first responders for the coordination of emergency response within the state. DTRS is currently a 216 site, 700/800 MHz, trunked communications system based on the P25 Phase 1 digital standard. DTRS currently provides day-to-day operable, as well as multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional interoperable communications for over 66,600 subscribers representing over 1,000 public safety agencies. DTRS is the key element in our statewide emergency communications plan and first responders have come to rely on DTRS. DTRS provides approximately 95 percent mobile radio coverage across the state.

The Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Transportation, The Colorado Department of Correction, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and many other state agencies use this system for day to day operations. The State of Colorado has invested heavily into this system over the past 14 years and will be unable to financially support replacement of all required equipment to meet the 700 MHz Narrowbanding deadline within the next 4 years.

The State of Colorado respectfully requests that the FCC treat the Colorado Region 7 RPC request for waiver as our own request seeking relief for State callsigns WQPJ841 and WPTZ761 from the 700 MHz Narrowbanding requirement until December 31, 2024.

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